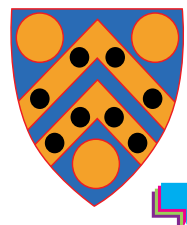


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Views are sought on future of district

RESIDENTS' views are being sought on two plans for the future of developments across Wyre Forest.

The documents will outline areas for potential work over the coming years. The Site Allocations and Policies document covers key sites such as the former British Sugar factory in Kidderminster, the old Lea Castle Hospital in Wolverley and Bewdley's West Midland Safari Park.

The Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan focuses on areas of the town including Churchfields, Comberton Hill, Green Street and High Street.

An eight-week consultation started on Monday and will run to September 14, during which time when representations can be made.

Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet member for place shaping, Councillor Julian Phillips said: "The council is taking positive and proactive steps to ensure the planning framework is in place to support the district's economy and business growth in the area."

Visit www.wyrefor-est-dc.gov.uk or the documents are available to view at the Customer Service Hub at Kidderminster Town Hall and libraries in the district.

Changes to poll stations

RESIDENTS in Wyre Forest are being asked for their views on proposed changes to polling places in the district. The council wants to find new venues because it says some of the existing polling stations are no longer suitable.

It is proposing St George's Social Club, Radford Avenue, Kidderminster, is used in future instead of the nearby Sure Start Centre.

It also wants to use the council offices in Bewdley Road, Kidderminster, instead of St John's Primary School, Blakebrook.

Comments by email or letter must be with the council by 5pm on August 31.

Rotarians join up for dinner to celebrate 90th birthday



Paul Frizzelle, left, with Chris Onions and Don Giles, presidents of Bewdley and Stourport clubs, and District Governor Steve Cartwright

ROTARIANS in Kidderminster celebrated their club's 90th birthday with a dinner.

The club has served local people and supported many projects here and overseas since its charter was granted in July, 1922.

At the dinner at the Mercure Hotel, president Paul Frizzelle acknowledged the foresight of such founder members as H W Cheshire, JH Thursfield, RS Brinton and JE Grosvenor, a magistrate and clergyman who was the club's founder president.

"With such quality people in charge the club was bound to last," Mr Frizzelle said. Local beneficiaries have included schools,

hospices, the hospital and the flying doctor service, the air ambulance, youth centres, elderly and disabled people, as well as the local environment.

Club and Inner Wheel members and some local clubs have collected household and clothing items to fill more than 100 emergency boxes to help families who have lost everything in natural disasters through no fault of their own.

Rotary International in the UK has hundreds of these boxes in store ready for instant despatch to people suffering the effects of a flood, earthquake or tsunami.

Scaling up the value of 90 years of giving to today's values, club treasurer Richard Tesh said since 1922, donations in cash and kind amount to £750,000, including substantial support to Rotary International's project aimed to rid the world of polio before 2013.

Mr Frizzelle welcomed Rotarians from six other clubs, their wives, and friends who join in social occasions and contribute significantly to charity fund raising.

Over the years Kidderminster Club has spawned clubs in Bewdley, Stourport-on-Severn and, in collaboration with Stourbridge Rotary, Hagley.

Hundreds expected at funeral of landlord

THE family of a Kidderminster pub landlord who died after being hit by a car hope the funeral will raise hundreds of pounds for his son.

Hundreds of people are expected to attend the funeral of David Golding at St George's Church, Kidderminster, tomorrow (Friday) at 1pm.

The 31-year-old, who ran The Old Peacock Inn, Horsefair died when he was struck by a car while walking on the A456 in Bewdley.

Mr Golding, who lived in St George's Terrace, had been on the way to his home from a wedding reception at Wharton Park Golf Club.

He leaves his partner Claire Freeman, aged 29, and their eight-year-old son, Jay.

His father Mel, aged 62, said everyone who knew his son was invited to the funeral and a wake afterwards at The Old Peacock.

He said: "I know at his funeral we will see hundreds of people paying their respects."

"But we don't want them to bring flowers, we want them instead to donate money for a trust fund we are setting up for his son Jay."

Police are appealing for witnesses to the accident in the early hours of July 7. They should call 0300 333 3000.

Cyclist dies in collision

A 78-YEAR-OLD cyclist died after being hit by a lorry in Kidderminster. Arthur William Bough, 78, of Woodward Road, Kidderminster, was in an accident at the JA451 Stourport Road and Sutton Park junction last Thursday.

Shop workers at the nearby Costcutters, in Lister Road, said Mr Bough was a lovely man who would be missed. One said: "He used to cycle here to get his paper most days."

Police have appealed for witnesses. A lorry driver arrested on suspicion of causing death by careless driving has been released on police bail.

HOMES ARE LEFT WITHOUT WATER

Mixed feelings over incinerator go-ahead

CAMPAIGNERS have lost their three-year fight to stop a £120 million waste incinerator being built near Kidderminster.

Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles has approved the EnviRecover scheme at Hartlebury following a public inquiry held last year.

The Mercia Waste Management plant will take up to 200,000 tons of waste from Worcestershire and Herefordshire each year.

It will be converted into up to 15.5 megawatts of electricity - enough to supply about 20,000 homes.

But the scheme, first unveiled in 2009, prompted more than 1,100 letters of objection from people in the area and a petition against the plant was signed by 2,300 people.

Campaign group Worcestershire Residents Against Incineration and Landfill feared an increase in traffic and pollution, and that the development would be a blot on the landscape. The group raised thousands of pounds to fight the scheme.

Director of Mercia Waste Management John Plant said: "The new plant will recover valuable, low-carbon energy from the waste that is left over after recycling, and ash

that will be used as an aggregate replacement."

But Mid-Worcestershire MP Peter Luff said he was disappointed. "The full report and the Secretary of State's letter run to a 150 pages and I'm sure they will be carefully scrutinised by the campaign group, WAIL," he said.

"However, the truth is that there is little likelihood of finding any legal reason to contest the decision. I would be happy to be proved wrong, but I think this stage of the fight is over."

Welcome

"The only remaining obstacle I can identify is the affordability of this huge project, but that's a question for the council."

Worcestershire County Council's environment chief Councillor Anthony Blagg welcomed the decision. "We continue to be as committed as ever to reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill," he said. "This facility will complement the many initiatives that have taken place over the last few years."

He added the council would continue to work with residents to listen to their concerns.



No glass washing for bar associate James Price, of Kidderminster, at Wetherspoons, Bewdley

THOUSANDS of homes and businesses in Wyre Forest were left without water on one of the hottest days of the year after supplies were hit by faults.

by Lee Watton

Taps ran dry in Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport due to valve problems at the Mount Pleasant reservoir on Monday - and there were more problems for homes in Stourport on Tuesday due to a burst water main.

Residents were left without water and staff at businesses and tourist attractions struggled to remain open as Severn Trent officials battled to restore the supply. Up to 20,000 customers were affected by the problem on Monday. People were left with no water or experienced low mains pressure from 2.30pm until 10pm.

Around 2,500 households were left waiting until early on Tuesday for the water to be restored.

Residents in Llangorse Close, Loweswater Road and Menteith Close, Stourport, found they had no water or poor pressure on Tuesday.

The problem was caused by a burst water main on Llangorse Close and the

junction of Loweswater Road. Teams from Severn Trent were sent to repair the problem and bottled water was delivered to homes in the three streets.

In Bewdley pubs were forced to close their kitchens and shops sold out of water bottles. West Midland Safari Park had to rely on reserves. Lorraine Legister, duty manager of Wetherspoons, in Load Street, Bewdley, described the situation as a 'nightmare'. The problems forced the pub's bosses to close the kitchen on Monday.

She said: "We get a lot of customers coming in for food, but we had to turn many away. We also had a problem because we could not use the glass washer."

Severn Trent officials said maintenance workers noticed a problem with a supply valve to the reservoir, and were unable to fill the underground lake back-up. They confirmed the burst main in Stourport was connected to the reservoir problems.

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Couple's dream holiday ruined by firm's failure

A BEWDLEY couple have been left shocked after a dream holiday to mark their 40th wedding anniversary fell through as a result of coach company Hoverland being dissolved.

The firm has vacated its offices in West Midlands House, Wilehall, and customers are being advised to contact their bank or a branch of Citizens Advice.

William and Pauline Brookes, of Riverside Caravan Park, had paid a £400 deposit for a week's coach trip in Italy when they heard about the firm's demise.

The couple tried to pay the final instalment for their £958 holiday. They posted a cheque but when it was not cashed they rang the company.

Mrs Brookes, aged 58, said: "A receptionist told us the company had gone under. We couldn't believe it. We'd booked the holiday last year, and we were set to go in two months."

The couple, who are unemployed, suffered another blow when they were told by their holiday insurers the Post Office, the deposit was not covered.

Mr Brookes, 62, said: "We don't know what do. We're supposed to be marking our anniversary but we have no money to get another holiday. We're devastated."

Walsall Council trading standards manager Lorraine Boothman said checks established that the company has been dissolved. Officers were making inquiries to see what the position was with administrators.

The was unavailable for comment.



William and Pauline Brookes who face missing out on their anniversary holiday

Work on bridge is delayed

SAFETY measures planned along the Stourport Canal following the death of a 12-year-old boy have been hit by delays, with designs still to be finalised after more than a year.

Work to install handrails along a bridge on the waterway was due to begin next month.

But bosses from the Canal and River Trust, which has replaced British Waterways, has confirmed the final designs for the handrails had yet to be signed off.

Designs have to be carefully considered due to the nature of the bridge which is more than 100 years old and historically important.

Longer

Trust officials said getting the final designs approved was "taking longer than expected".

Installation of the rails was originally due to begin in June.

Measures were first drawn up following the death of Robert Fido, aged 12, in June 2011.

He plunged into the water while riding his bike over the bridge.

New bus times

LATER buses are to serve the Wribbenhall Estate in Bewdley. Whittle Coach and Bus, will run an hourly service from 7.30am until 7pm Monday to Saturday. Information is available at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/bus/timetables.

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Hopefuls who aim for gold

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THREE young women from the Wyre Forest area will be among the British sporting stars aiming for gold at the London Olympics.

Amy Smith of Kidderminster will be carrying British hopes in the swimming pool.

Naomi Folkard, also of Kidderminster, is aiming high in the archery event.

And Alison Young of Bewdley is in the team for the laser radial class sailing event.

Amy, aged 24, was a pupil at Franche First and Middle Schools before going on to Wolverley High and then King Edward Sixth College in Stourbridge.

And it was a family holiday that led to a sporting career.

"When she was young we took her to Greece on holiday with friends," said her mother June, who lives in Kidderminster with Amy's father Phil.

Natural

Their friends recommended that Amy had swimming lessons and they took her to Stourport swimming baths.

"The lifeguard there said Amy was a natural and that we should send her to a club," she said. "They recommended Kidderminster as that was a more technique-orientated club. She joined, and things just went on from there until she worked up to doing international competitions."

In the Melbourne Commonwealth



Amy, who learned to swim in Kidderminster, in action



Naomi competing at the Beijing. She narrowly missed out on a medal



Alison in 2005 when she won her first big award

Games in 2006, Amy achieved a silver in the 4 x 100m freestyle relay. She missed out on the Beijing Olympics but in 2010 she picked up relay gold and silver at the European Championships in Budapest before defending her Commonwealth 4x100m freestyle relay silver.

Now Amy has two swimming sessions a day, 5.30am to 7.30am, and then 6pm to 8pm, and will do weights as well.

June said: "We were watching her when she did the trials at the Aquatic Centre and she was amazing. She smashed her personal best times."

For Naomi Folkard, a chance experience at a family summer Scout camp led to her taking up archery.

Her father Denis became keen on the sport and when they returned to their home in Leamington he joined an archery club.

Naomi, now 28, says: "A couple of years later, myself, my mum and my brother all joined the club, and that was when I took up the sport properly."

Naomi has been the national number one recurve archer for 11 years. She went to the 2000 Sydney Games as a reserve at 16 and went on to compete in

Athens and Beijing, where she just missed out on a team medal. She won silver at the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Naomi lives in Kidderminster with boyfriend Jonathan Nott, who is also a top archer, and she says she has had really warm support in the town.

Father Denis said: "We are pleased she is doing the 2012 Olympics - it wasn't too much of a surprise, but we are very proud of her."

A father's influence was also the key for Alison Young.

Keith Young used to take his eight-

year-old daughter for sailing lessons at Trimpey Reservoir which led to a love for the sport. The family home has always been in Grey Green Lane, Bewdley, and Alison was a pupil at the nearby Bewdley High School, having attended Wribbenhall first and middle schools.

Sailing was just a hobby, but after international success, she has suddenly become one of the favourites for gold this summer.

At the recent Skandia Sail for Gold sailing competition on the Olympic course at the Weymouth and Portland

National Sailing Academy in Dorset, Alison competed against 1,000 other sailors to win a gold medal.

She said: "If I can do as well at the Olympics then that will be fantastic."

As for her parents, they say they will barely be able to contain their pride when they watch her go for gold.

Keith said: "For years we have watched her compete - standing at the side of lakes and reservoirs in the freezing cold. It can be miserable at times but there are also the good times too. It will all be worth it to see her at the Olympics."

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Parks flying the flag for excellence



Left to right, Joanne Taylor, community greenspace officer; David Shepherd, assistant countryside sites officer; Martin Barnett, countryside sites officer and Laura Pitt countryside support officer

WORCESTERSHIRE County Council's countryside team and volunteers are celebrating after receiving the Green Flag award once again for three of their parks.

The award is the national standard for parks and open spaces throughout the UK organised by Keep Britain Tidy. The parks were awarded for their work on continuing to provide excellent countryside and recreation facilities as well as providing many unique opportunities to the county.

The winning sites were St. Wulstan's local nature reserve in Upper Welland for a fourth year, Worcester Woods country park for an eighth year, and Waseley Hills country park for the 10th year.

Councillor John Campion said: "I am delighted that these sites have managed yet again to achieve such excellence. This a true credit to our dedicated staff and invaluable band of volunteers."

Have your say on health

PEOPLE in Worcestershire are being asked for their views about health care in the county.

Healthwatch Worcestershire is being set up to be the independent consumer champion.

The hope is that it will promote better outcomes in health care for everyone, and in social care for adults.

Bosses of the organisation say they aim to champion the collective views and experiences of patients, service users, carers, and the community generally.

They will also try to influence policy-makers, and help people access appropriate services.

Peter Pinfield, Chair designate of Healthwatch Worcestershire said: "The new organisation will hold the local NHS and the county council to account to ensure that services meet our needs. To do this we need people to get involved and give us their views to help us get established."

The organisation is running a number of drop-in events to enable people to learn more about it, and to have their say.

Members of the steering group will

be available to talk about Healthwatch and to answer any questions.

One has already been held, and the next events are on August 1 at 2-5pm at Worcester Royal Hospital, and on August 2, at 9am-noon at Kidderminster library.

Mr Pinfield said: "These are part of an on-going engagement with the public about the role of Healthwatch Worcestershire and how it needs to operate. We will continue to take on board people's views as the organisation develops."

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The challenge is a 20-mile route from Bridgnorth, or a 10-mile route from the Severn Valley Country Park, passing Chelmarsh reservoir and through the Wyre Forest, and finishing in Bewdley.

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Charlotte sings

CHARLOTTE Church sings at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on August 26 as part of her first UK tour. To book tickets for the show call 01584 813711 or visit www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk

Three sentenced in court for falsely claiming benefit

THREE people from Kidderminster have been given community orders for falsely claiming housing benefit, council tax benefit and income support.

At Kidderminster Magistrates' Court Kelly Cleaveley aged 28 of Offmore Road, pleaded guilty to two charges after failing to declare that her partner had moved in with her and he had been living with her since July 2010.

Ruth Edwards, prosecuting for Wyre Forest District Council and the Department for Work and Pensions, told the court that Cleaveley received £4,335 in income support, £1,983 in housing benefit and £244 in council tax benefit to which she was not entitled.

Partner

Magistrates gave her a 12-month community order with an unpaid work element of 60 hours. They ordered that she pay the requested costs of £100.

Kelly Smith, aged 37, of Cherry Orchard, also pleaded guilty after failing to declare her partner had moved in with her.

Ms Edwards told the court that Smith received £4,130 in income support, £1,875 in housing benefit and £495 in council tax benefit to which she was not entitled.

Smith was also given a 12-month community order with an unpaid work

by Tim Spiers

element of 60 hours, and the magistrates ordered that she pay the requested costs of £100.00.

Emma Hutton aged 27 of Dowles Road, was also given a 12-month community order with an unpaid work element of 40 hours after failing to declare she was living with her partner.

Ms Edwards told the court that Hutton received £1,996 in income support, £2,196 in housing benefit and £404 in council tax benefit to which she was not entitled. Hutton was also ordered to pay costs of £100.

In all cases the overpayments of benefit will also have to be repaid in full to Wyre Forest District Council and the Department for Work and Pensions.

On the same afternoon, July 13, another case was adjourned, yet another was sent to the crown court for trial.

Another defendant failed to attend and magistrates issued a warrant for their arrest.



Lollipop lady Sheila Voce and headteacher Peter Mountford are retiring from Wolverley Sebright School, in Franche Road, Wolverley

Pupils' say a fond farewell to head and lollipop lady

A HEADTEACHER and lollipop lady are preparing to bid a fond farewell to pupils and staff at their school near Kidderminster.

Wolverley Sebright Primary School headteacher Peter Mountford will leave his post on August 31 after 15 years in charge while lollipop lady Sheila Voce has left after 40 years of service.

Mr Mountford, aged 60, of Stourbridge, says he made the decision following the retirement of his wife, special needs teacher Carole, who is aged 56.

He said: "Nowadays children are taught a much broader range of subjects, it's quite amazing what they learn today."

"I have had a wonderful career teaching the children, I know I will probably miss it."

Mr Mountford joined the school following 18 years working as a teacher at five other schools.

He presented Mrs Voce, aged 73, of Brook Street, with a bouquet.

She had previously assisted in the school's nursery.

Police in plea for owners of piping

POLICE are trying to trace the owners of copper pipes recovered after they were believed to have been stolen in Kidderminster.

Two teenagers were spotted by officers carrying the piping along a street.

The pair were seen in Worcester Road at midday on July 10. The pipes were taken to a scrapyard but when the officers pulled up the youths fled from the scene on foot.

Pe Julian Ward said: "The piping was seized and appeared brand new and dry even though the weather was wet."

"We believe it had been stolen shortly beforehand in that area, possibly from a van or a building site."

"We would like to hear from anyone who had copper pipes stolen around then and also if anyone knows who these youths are or saw them."

Both youths were about 5ft 7ins.

Pe Ward can be contacted at Kidderminster police station on the non-emergency number 101.

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Why I've lost all faith in David Cameron

AS a lifelong Tory supporter and voter I have over the past two years lost all faith in this Tory/Lib Dem Coalition and Prime Minister David Cameron for a number of reasons.

One reason is in the way in which David Cameron appeases Lib Dem policies.

This appeasement greatly undermines Mr Cameron's authority as Prime Minister and seriously affects Tory policy to the point of making it ineffective. If we had

wanted Lib Dem policy to have any effect we would have voted for them, which evidently we did not.

While our country is in dire financial straits, unemployment is rife and all our public services are virtually unfit for service, Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg's main priority seems to be the House of Lords reform and the rights of the gay section of our society.

Neither of these will have an effect on any of the

serious issues that I have mentioned and will take up valuable parliamentary time.

Another reason for my loss of faith in the Tories is over their continual denial to allow a referendum on our EU membership even though it was pledged in their pre-election manifesto.

Many thousands of people who voted Tory for that reason must now feel betrayed.

This question of a referen-

dum and of possibly leaving the EU should have been addressed many years ago during the premiership of Margaret Thatcher when our economy could have withstood any repercussions.

Thanks to our politicians we are now so dependent on the EU, to escape this dreadful union will be a monumental and expensive task.

I Bate,
Wilton Avenue,
Kidderminster.

Our police force now unable to protect us

OUR police force is vanishing in front of our very eyes due to government cuts. The excuse is it will make them more efficient.

What a joke. My neighbour was burgled while on holiday.

I phoned the police on Saturday and they turned up on Monday morning. Very efficient, that is. Next time I will ask them for a notification form.

Now the police cannot protect us, our island cannot defend itself, and we have hardly any armed forces left due to government cuts.

Most people respect the armed forces but not the Government.

It seems we cannot even protect our own borders.

C Vermont,
Whitehouse Street,
Tipton.

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Fear for generation that lacks a future

I WRITE this letter with a lump in my throat and a heavy heart, holding back tears, for today my son is 23 and his life hasn't even started yet.

I remember the hopes and dreams I had when he was a little boy and wonder what has happened. He is full of bitterness for the employers that won't give him a chance because he hasn't had the opportunity to gain any experience, for those who won't take on apprentices any older than 18, for the job centre staff that are only interested in how many jobs he's written down on his job search so that they look like they are doing their job properly.

He has had seasonal work because he wants to do land-scape, but he wants job security. He wants to learn to drive which would help him get a job, but he can't afford it.

There are thousands of parents just like me. This zombie generation is our future, but they have no future. They walk around with long faces and no direction, no plans. I pray that by the time he is 24 his life will have changed.

Susan Brookes,
Wedgesbury.

Jack was one of our greatest runners

REGARDING the late great Jack Holden of Tipton Harriers.

Jack certainly did run in the 1948 Olympic marathon. He was well in contention and was the leading British runner, but was suffering severe blisters and had to retire after 17 miles.

In 1950 he won the Commonwealth Games marathon in New Zealand, running the last six miles barefoot as his shoes had split. Also in 1950 he won the European Marathon Championship in Brussels.

It was my good fortune to meet Jack several times after he retired. He was always willing to chat about athletics, training methods and tactics.

He was one of our greatest runners and a gentleman.
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NEWS

Government turns down free school application

Cars' invasion of castle



Janet Emery with her 1960 Morris Minor at the show

VISITORS to Dudley Zoo and castle were treated to a display of rare and classic cars.

The West Midlands Classic Car club revved up their engines, and took over the castle for the day.

Car enthusiasts from across the country were at the annual meeting.

The cars included a smart E-type Jaguar and the very rare Daimler Dart of which there are only 2,500

left. The motorists had polished and preened their cars ready to be judged in their individual classes, and for the all-important car of the show award. Around a dozen judges assessed every aspect of the 80 vehicles on show for the competition.

President of the West Midlands Classic Car Club Maurice Cole said: "It has been a really good day, and we have had a very good turn out."

AN independent school in Kidderminster will charge tuition fees for at least another two years after its bid to become a free school was turned down by the Government.

Holy Trinity International School's application was not among the 102 approved by the Department for Education.

Staff say they will re-submit the bid for the next application round later this year. If successful the site could be a free school in 2014.

The Government has not made public the reasons for the decision, which would have led to a large number of new school places being made available. Free schools are run by groups of parents, teachers, governors, charities, trusts, religious or voluntary groups.

They are funded by central Government and are independent of local councils, giving them control over the curriculum, and teachers' pay and conditions.

Headteacher Pamela Leek-Wright said: "Support for the school's application has been overwhelming."

The Birmingham Road school caters for children from three months to 18. Mrs Leek-Wright said plans for redevelopment including the introduction of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate would not be affected.

She has said that becoming a free school would mean that families who could not afford to send their children to the school, would be able to consider it.

Store set to close

BOSSSES at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre have been tight-lipped over the upcoming closure of Comet. The retailer announced it would shut its store at the Brierley Hill site on September 30. Spokeswoman Natalie Merrix, said the firm could not comment.

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NEWS

Music union adds voice to campaign for gallery

A UNION which represents thousands of musicians is the latest group to back the campaign to save a gallery at Kidderminster library.

Worcestershire County Council bosses unveiled plans to convert the second-floor gallery which is used for concerts and art exhibitions, into office space.

But they were forced to put the scheme on hold following complaints from art and music lovers in the town.

They will now talk to interested groups before making a final decision.

A Friends group has been launched, and now the Musicians' Union has spoken out in support of the gallery.

The union represents more than 30,000 musicians working in all sectors of the business.

Performers

Midlands organiser of the Musicians' Union, Alice Lemon, said closing the gallery would lead to the loss of a "valuable venue".

She added: "Live music provides innumerable benefits to performers, audiences and communities alike."

"We hope that Worcestershire County Council will reconsider this decision."

Under the plans, a Steinway grand piano would be moved from the gallery to the first floor where a new performance area would be created. Campaigners say the acoustics in the new area would not be as good, and the space would accommodate fewer people.

The council has defended its plans, saying they will save money on operating costs.

Garden invitation

TIM and Lesley Smith, of Astley Towne House, Astley near Stourport will welcome visitors to their garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme. The garden will be open on Sunday from 1pm until 5pm. Admission is £4 for adults and free for children.

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Ann's transformation

ANN flashes an engaging smile and declares confidently: "I'm looking to join a choir – I love singing."

The retired general nurse, midwife and public health worker from the Midlands, continues: "It's one of the things I want to do again, having been involved in a Finding the Voice course."

"It's such a joyous pastime and what's more, it gives me pleasure while hopefully putting something back into life for others." It is hard to imagine Ann shying away from anything – a consummate, articulate professional, who embraces life and opportunity with an infectious enthusiasm.

But trouble with her teeth began to erode her positive approach and she admits her self-image took a dive. I became too self-conscious of my teeth."

She adds: "Family get-togethers over meals became awkward for me because my teeth were not functional, but it was at my mother's 90th birthday party it really came home to me. 'What's the matter with your teeth?'

"She said 'they're all misshapen'. It was true."

"My mother said what no-one else would say. It's true also, teeth can be life-damaging." Ann, who once worked in Australia before meeting her husband and returning to the UK, had suffered periodontal (gum) disease of her top crown.

Some teeth had become loose and twisted while other, more mobile teeth, had to be extracted. Her sister was a patient with Wolverhampton implantologist Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc, principal dentist at Parkdale Dental Clinic on Tettenall Road, and she persuaded her to have a consultation with him.

Mr Pugh recalls: "Sadly, by this time,

Ann's gum disease was aggressive and far too advanced so we didn't have the option to treat her gum disease. We had to extract all of her upper teeth and then place four implants to support an implant-retained denture."

Ann's case was then referred to Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) of the Denture Clinic, which is also

based at the Parkdale practice, and he prescribed and made the prosthetic. Mr Burchell, who also has a clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "With the implant-retained top denture we could guarantee stabilisation, giving Ann the smile she wanted and excellent functionality too."

Ann, a volunteer support worker at a

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A wet farewell



Deputy head Matt Ashcroft with Holly Robbins

A KIDDERMINSTER primary school said a big wet goodbye to its deputy head.

Matt Ashcroft was saying farewell to Sutton Park primary in Greatfield Road, Kidderminster, at the summer fete – and got soaked as pupils paid to throw wet sponges at him.

The school fete raised a whopping £1385.68. More than 100 children enjoyed a bouncy castle, and consumed at least 200 cakes. More than 40 faces were painted, nearly 50 children took part in performances, and more than 90 hotdogs were eaten.

And Mr Ashcroft had about 300 wet sponges thrown at him.

Headteacher Marie Buckland said: "It was a fantastic event and the rain stayed away too."

NEWS

Bosses at quarry are warned over work times

OPERATORS at a quarry have been caught working outside their allowed hours. Bosses have been warned they face prosecution if it continues.

Managers at the Ketley Quarry, in Kingswinford, have been served a breach of condition notice by Dudley Council. It comes after residents complained that trucks were entering the site, in Ketley Road, before the permitted 7.30am start time. Tile and brick makers Hinton, Perry and Davenhill must abide by the rules or face a maximum fine of £1,000.

Permission was recently granted for the quarry to open to loaded vehicles at 7.30am instead of 8am despite residents' objections.

Response

And the family firm has revealed plans to open the quarry at 7am, angering locals who say queuing lorries clog up the road.

Campaigners who complained that lorries were arriving too early have welcomed the council's response. Ward councillor Patrick Harley said: "We want the company to thrive, but they need to be a responsible neighbour."

Alex Patrick-Smith, man-

aging director of Hinton Perry and Davenhill, said: "A breach of conditions notice has been served by the council relating to our operators bringing clay on to the site around 15 or 20 minutes earlier than the start time in our planning consent. This has now stopped. We want to be good neighbours but it has been unfortunate that the weather has hampered the process of building up our clay stock."

"The operators have informed us that they were arriving early to prepare the area for vehicles due to the bad weather."

Dudley Council's cabinet member for regeneration Shaikat Ali confirmed that a breach of condition notice had been served on Hinton Perry and Davenhill.

by Adam Burling

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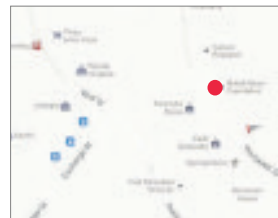


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The Brown Jug Inn, Willenhall, early 1900s



Dr Joseph Tonks (centre), family and friends 1885



Workers at their benches at the Josiah Parkes & Sons Lock Factory in Willenhall, about 1928-30

The meadows that became 'Humpshire'

WILLENHALL, between Walsall and Wolverhampton, was originally called 'Willenhallch', Anglo-Saxon for 'the meadowland of Willan'.

First mentioned in the 700s, when King Ethelbald of Mercia signed a treaty there, William the Conqueror's Domesday Book (1086) records it as 'Willenhala'.

In the Middle Ages, Willenhall was a small agricultural village with a chapel within the parish of Wolverhampton. But from 1840, Willenhall had its own parish church, St Giles, and the present day building dates from 1867.

Willenhall's population grew to around 300 by 1666, but in the 1700s it expanded dramatically with the Industrial Revolution. The now industrial town centred around Market Place and Stafford Street, comprising many tiny streets crammed with houses, workshops and pubs.

A thriving mining community grew up around Lane Head and Sandbeds, and

by Stuart Williams

Portobello became known for brickmaking. Coal mining was important in the Willenhall area early on but declined after the 1800s when the mines became flooded following a strike.

Willenhall became world-famous as a centre for lock making, which in Elizabethan times had begun developing in Willenhall, Wolverhampton and Bilston, and by the mid-1800s this trade was mainly centred in Willenhall.

In 1855 there were 340 local lock makers, working entirely by hand, mostly in small workshops.

Young apprentice lock filers worked bent over, developing hump backs, which gave Willenhall the nickname of 'Humpshire'. Noted Willenhall lockmakers included Yale & Towne, Josiah Parkes & Sons and John Harper & Co.

In 1849 poor housing and sanitation led to a cholera epidemic; 292 people died, shocking the town into improving conditions, and in 1854 Willenhall Local Board

of Health, forerunner of Willenhall Urban District Council (1894), was formed.

Reflecting local civic pride, several municipal buildings were erected, including the Town Hall and Library in Clemson Street in 1866, and in 1922 a Memorial Park was opened, honouring those killed in the Great War.

Willenhall's best-known monument is however its ornate and imposing Memorial Clock in Market Place, commemorating Dr Tonks, a highly respected and revered Victorian physician.

Willenhall became part of Walsall borough in 1966, but remains independent-minded with a strong identity and a great sense of heritage.

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The old St Giles Church, Willenhall, pictured mid 19th Century before the current church was built



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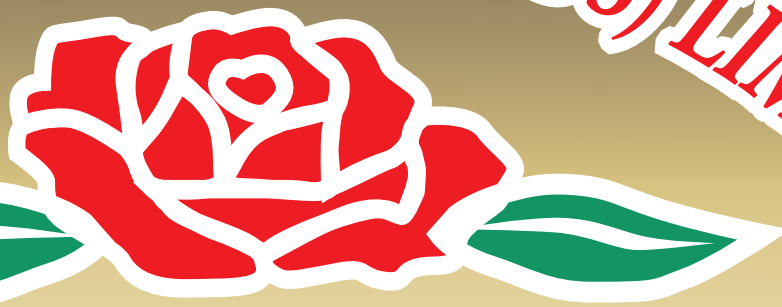
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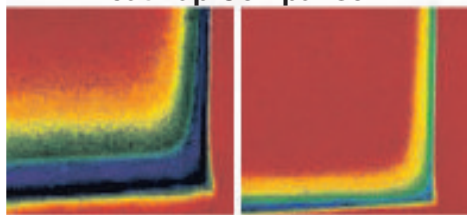
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A £1.3m upgrade to region bus fleet

National Express is spending £1.3 million on an overhaul of its West Midlands bus fleet, the largest public transport refurbishment project ever in the UK.

The Birmingham-based business has already begun the project. When complete, the fleet will have vehicles with new modern interiors and cleaner engines that are 20 per cent more efficient.

The work will extend the life of the buses by at least a decade.

Bosses say customers will enjoy cleaner, more comfortable journeys as a result.

Peter Coates, managing director of National Express UK Bus Division, said they were also continuing to invest in new vehicles.

Last year 220 new vehicles including 18 green hybrid buses, were added.

The fuel savings delivered by the refit alone will enable the company to cover the cost of the refurbishment within three years.

The more fuel efficient buses will also help improve air quality in Birmingham, which is a key objective for both Birmingham City Council and transport authority Centro.

Mr Coates said: "We have industry leading engineers in Birmingham delivering a project which will provide customers with more comfortable, cleaner and greener buses."

Father pledges to continue artist legacy of tragic Mark

Oliver Speight tells **BEN BENTLEY** why he is dedicating his life to the memory of his TV presenter son Mark

THE feeling of loss, as Mark Speight's father Oliver puts it, is "in perpetuity".

Wolverhampton-born children's television star and artist Mark took his own life in 2008, but, determined to fund a project to continue his work of taking art into communities, Oliver Speight sold his house and now lives in a hotel.

Today, reflecting upon the moment a police officer knocked on his door to break the news of his son's death, Oliver, aged 74, says: "It was his time, as I look back at it now. But the loss you never, ever get over."

"It's an unrecoverable loss."

"But the thing I remember when I was first told about what happened was the sense of fun in Mark, because in the wake of his death we had 26,000 emails and 95,000 hits on YouTube, and that told you that he was so loved by children and parents."

"And it took Mark's death to understand why I was living and what my function in life was. Because he handed me a baton. He said 'my energy is gone now, you carry on'."

Mark, who grew up in Tettenhall, had the world at his feet as the host of BBC children's art programme *SMart*.

But his world fell apart when his fiancée, fellow presenter Natasha Collins, died suddenly after taking cocaine.

Mark, aged 42, was subsequently arrested, but after being released without charge, he disappeared and was found hanged near Paddington Station in London



Oliver Speight: 'Mark was so loved by children and parents'



Presenter Mark Speight

in January 2008. Two suicide notes were discovered a few days later, describing how he could no longer live without Natasha.

Love and affection for Mark was no more apparent than at his funeral at St Michael and All Angels Church in Tettenhall, when hundreds of relatives, friends and colleagues turned out to pay their respects.

And it was here, as Oliver read the eulogy in which he described his son as "a Pied Piper who took children on a magical mystery tour of art", that it came to him just how he would pick up his lad's baton.

Passion, determination, commitment, joy and future vision are words Oliver uses in describing Speight of the Art, but during a chat in a hotel lobby in Telford it quickly becomes clear that these terms perfectly apply to the inspirational figure before me.

Oliver's commitment to the cause is beyond doubt. Selling your house in France to live in a hotel tells you that much.

He has family down the road in Coalport, and says his hotel provides an ideal base from which to travel the country and bring a variety of arts projects to children, many of them disadvantaged.

"I thought, let's continue this artistic and creative journey that Mark had started," says Oliver, who is sure his son would approve of Speight of the Art.

"I think he would be proud, because the work he wanted to do in society is now being done. We funded this mostly ourselves and I have to be careful that we now get sponsorship to take it to the next level, but 9,472 children have so far benefited."

External funding is now vital for the continuation of the work Oliver has started.

A recent joint venture with the NHS Mental Health Trust for South Staffordshire and Shropshire saw workshops conducted. An event at the M6 services at Stafford involved 200 children and was supported by 20,000 members of the public.

In September, Speight of the Art will engage in a venture with Wolverhampton Art Gallery, under the banner 'Bringing Mark home'.

A property businessman by profession, Oliver says: "Speight of the Art has changed my life. It has made me realise that time is of the essence and I am going to do things I've got to get on with this."

● For information on volunteering for Speight of the Art, or to help financially visit www.speightoftheart.org.uk

Tourism growth to boost economy

Tourism officers expect the number of visitors to South Staffordshire to increase by 100,000 by 2016, raking in millions of pounds.

With attractions such as V Festival and Baggeridge Country Park, the area already draws 1.8 million tourists a year, making about £85m for the local economy.

Now Grant Mitchell, strategic development manager at South Staffordshire Council, has revealed the council is aiming for another 100,000 visitors within the next four years.

This could be worth as much as £4.7m to the area.

He said this would partly be achieved through a growth in British people taking holidays in their own country.

"Over the past few years we've seen more people holidaying at home and with experts predicting that trend will continue, we're confident of seeing more people visiting our local attractions," he said.

"We're also looking to work with attractions to deliver tailored trips such as the Footsteps of a King Tour, which allows visitors to take in Boscombe House and Moseley Old Hall all as part of one great package."

Council leader Councillor Brian Edwards said tourism was a "huge important part of the local economy".

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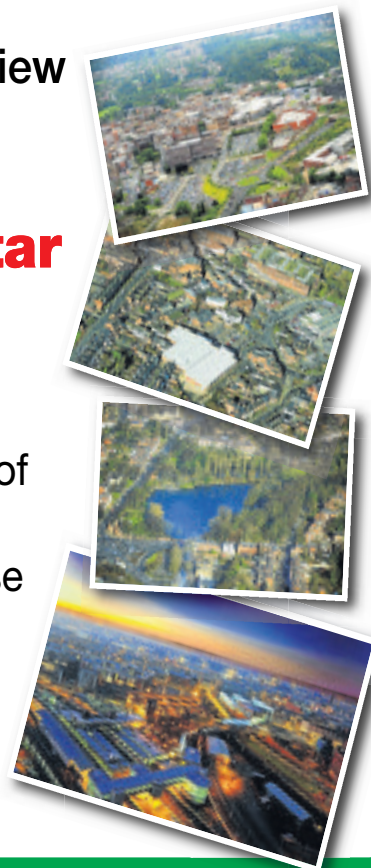
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Bid to get more organs donated

DUDLEY Council has signed up to a new scheme encouraging more people to sign up to the Organ Donor Register and give blood.

The authority is one of just two councils to join the partnership with the NHS Blood and Transplant group.

It aims to help increase the organ and blood donation rates among both its staff and borough residents.

The announcement will see the council encourage people to sign up to the Organ Donor Register (ODR) and consider becoming blood donors.

The percentage of people on the ODR in the Dudley Council area is currently 19 per cent at 58,866 signatories, compared to a national average of 30 per cent.

Meanwhile, more than 60 people in the borough need an organ transplant.

New store at former pub has 300 people chasing 30 jobs

MORE than 300 people turned up to an open day to apply for just 30 jobs which are available at a Midlands Co-operative store that is opening at a former pub in Stourbridge.

The old Broadway pub, Norton, is being converted into a convenience store which will open on August 2. The building in Broadway Road is being refurbished and extended to provide 3,000 sq ft of retail space.

Store Manager Jim Stuart said he was "delighted" by the response from jobhunters.

The pub was closed in February last year by licensees Jane and Keith Johnson as they were struggling to make ends meet.

It was later put on the market for £345,000 with estate agents Christie & Co and the sale was completed in October.

Delighted

The shop will offer a selection of fresh food as well as a range of convenience goods and customer facilities including a car park. It will be open seven days a week from 7am to 10pm.

Mr Stuart, said: "We were delighted with the

positive response from locals. We are very much a community retailer so it's great to create several new jobs, especially given it's International Year of Co-operatives, which is all about working together to build a better future.

"As a co-operative business, which is owned by its members, we are looking forward to building links with the wider community and continuing to invest in the area."

Residents were invited to take a look at the transformed building at a special open day.

It will be open seven days a week from 7am to 10pm.

Council plan for gym instructors

APPRENTICE gym instructors will be employed at council leisure centres in Dudley. The jobs have been provided through to a government-funded scheme run by training firm Lifetime.

Eight posts will be created at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre as well as Dudley and Halesowen leisure centres. The plans will go before Dudley Council's human resources chief, Councillor Gaye Partridge, who was due to make a final decision on approval for the scheme on Thursday.

Apprentices will complete training with the external provider including an NVQ in instructing exercise and fitness, according to a report to Councillor Partridge.

The placements last for six months with apprentices working between 16 and 30 hours per week. A report stated: "These posts would support the existing staffing."

Flypast and fizz at open air concert



The champagne corks were popping when a couple from Stourbridge joined hundreds of people who were wowed by a spectacular Spitfire display in the sunshine at an open air prom at RAF Cosford at the weekend. Ted and Val Bryan enjoyed the show to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Waterside design proposals to be submitted soon

DETAILED designs have been drawn up for a multi-million pound waterside development bringing jobs, homes and shops to Stourport.

Regeneration chiefs hope the £7 million James Brindley Wharf complex will help to boost trade in the town.

Final

Construction firm Thomas Vale and Clive Fletcher Developments are working on the final proposals for the scheme, which will be created on the former Lloyds Garage site in Bridge

Street. The final plans will be submitted later this year.

The aim is to create a new gateway linking the popular Riverside Meadows area across Bridge Street through to the historic canal basins.

It will have a mix of apartments and townhouses as well as shops and restaurants.

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CLUB NEWS

£1 charge made for meetings

WORDSLEY M TWG

THE July meeting was opened by vice chairman Ann Birchell who later welcomed the speaker to talk about Wiltshire Farm Foods. The annual Federation lunch will be on July 30 at Wharton Golf and Country Club, Bewdley and the annual Harvester supper is on October 10 at Wollaston Village Hall.

On November 10 a Christmas decoration workshop takes place at the Ruskin Centre, Wollaston. The next lunch club meeting will be on August 6 at the Hollybush, Penn, and the September 3 meeting will be at The Bell, Kingswinford. Christmas lunch has been booked at the Himley 'Best Western' Hotel.

A garden/coffee morning will be held at Liz Hubbard's home on August 15 and at Margaret Ford's on August 19. A trip to John's Garden at Ashwood Nurseries is arranged for August 22.

A vote was unanimously passed that 'due to the ever increasing costs/charges by speakers a small charge of £1 per meeting be made'. This to include refreshments and to start in September.

Wordsley TG took part in the Wordsley Green Community Centre open day on June 30 and had a table to display the group's activities and forthcoming events.

The next group meeting will be on September 17 with an insight from Hannah Nolan into Acorn Children's Hospice.

Club's new president handed chain of office



Past president Richard Garbett hands over the chain of office to new incumbent Tony Brown

ROTARY CLUB OF SEDGLEY & WOMBOURNE

ROTARIAN Tony Brown has been inducted as the new president. Past president Richard Garbett handed over the chain of office.

The Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club was formed in 1969 as an offshoot from the Dudley Rotary Club which is currently celebrating the 90th year since its formation.

Rotary International is a worldwide organisation with more than a million members in 155 countries. There are 1,834 clubs in Britain and Ireland with a total of 59,000 members.

Rotary is a non-political organisation whose members are business or professional people dedicated to serving the needs of their local and international communities.

For more information visit www.rotarysedgleyandwombourne.org

Letter sent from Palace

K'FORD TWG

ENID Fennell was pleased to welcome two visitors and Sheila Watts following her recent illness.

Discussion centred around the two parties in celebration of the Queen's 60-year reign. Correspondence included a "Thank You" from Sheila for the flowers he received.

A letter from Buckingham Palace thanked the club for the greetings sent to Her Majesty on her Jubilee.

Chris Grove gave an account of the NCM in Birmingham. Josie Smith said she felt honoured to be the Federation banner carrier.

Graham Fisher, who spoke of the development of the glass industry and he

was thanked by Sue Cotterrell. Joan Harris was thanked for her floral arrangement.

From 7.30pm on August 15 at the community centre in High Street, members will see a demonstration of floral art by Linda Jackson. The next monthly meeting will be on August 13 with a talk about the work of the Ikikara Bakery.

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Neil's delight as fundraiser music night brings in £5,900

LAST Saturday marked a year since a near-fatal motorbike accident changed the life of Neil Ree and his family.

Neil, from Bewdley, was airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, with multiple injuries after a collision with a car.

One year on a fundraiser was held to celebrate all Neil and his family have achieved since he lost his right leg above the knee and has his left knee pinned.

The music evening at Bewdley Pines

Golf Club raised £5,910 for charity, including a large gift from an anonymous donor.

Taking part were singer Lauren Alexandra, support acts from Bewdley guitarist Bryn Teeling and a debut performance from Neil's daughters Emily and Abi Ree with Alex Wardle.

Brilliant

More than 150 family and friends attended eager to support Neil and Julie Ree.

Neil said "It was a brilliant night and we really appreciate all the help and

support from our family and friends this year."

Funds are being raised to provide Neil with a second, stronger prosthetic leg so that he can achieve his goal of getting back to work as a self-employed window fitter.

Apart from the mystery donor, funds have been raised by Mark Lewis who completed the Bridgnorth Walk to raise £230 and Ian Bray who did a sponsored clay shoot raising £140.

To find out details about future events, visit www.NeilSupport.co.uk



Guitarist John Watkin, left, Julie Ree, singer Lauren Alexandra and Neil Ree

Centre to keep youngsters busy

YOUNGSTERS aged eight to 14 will be able to take part in events at Dudley Leisure Centre over the summer holidays.

The sessions will run every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from August 1 to 24.

Children can take part in football, dancing, cycling and T-shirt design, and youngsters will also be able to use games consoles.

Admission for the full days is £10 and children will need to take a packed lunch and refreshments with them. Pre-payment and enrolment is required on 01384 812800.

Youngsters under 16 will also receive 50 per cent off the full adult price for badminton, football, netball and basketball. No pre-booking is necessary for these events.

Cabinet member Councillor Tracy Wood said: "There are plenty of activities to keep children busy."

Pub reaps reward of £185,000 work



Marina Parry and David Faer at the new-look Lenches Bridge pub

A DUDLEY pub which has undergone a £185,000 refurbishment has served almost 2,000 customers in its first week of reopening.

The Lenches Bridge, Pensnett High Street, formerly The Talbot, was purchased by the Individual Holdings group, which already operates The Park Tavern, in Kingswinford, and the Wall Heath Tavern.

Refurbishment took 16 weeks to complete. The old bar features have been retained. Bosses are planning to use the upper floors of the building as a bed and breakfast.

Director David Faer said they were delighted with the early success of the pub. Fellow directors at the firm are Paul Mildenstein and Marina Parry.

£2.6m revamp of historic park is moving step closer

A £2.6 MILLION revamp of an historic Stourbridge park has moved a step closer as council chiefs draw up a bid for funding.

Dudley Council is working on a second application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the planned revamp of Mary Stevens Park, in Norton.

A consultation has been launched for the public to give their views on what needs to be done.

Landmarks across the parkland, off Heath Lane, will be restored should the bid be successful.

Top priorities include the restoration of the war memorial and works to the pool and entrance gates around the park.

The main Grade II listed Mary Stevens gates are in urgent need of restoration with brick and ironwork showing signs of decay.

Campaigns led by Stourbridge Township Council have long argued for the Mary Stevens gates to be one of the priorities.

Any remaining funding could be used to open a café or refreshment kiosk.

The public is now being asked for its feedback with an online survey.

Once the consultation is finished, the council will complete the application and aims to submit it by February 2013.

Required

The council is applying for £2m from the HLF and has been required to provide match funding of approximately £624,000.

It has already passed the first round of applications.

For more information or to take part in the consultation visit www.dudley.gov.uk



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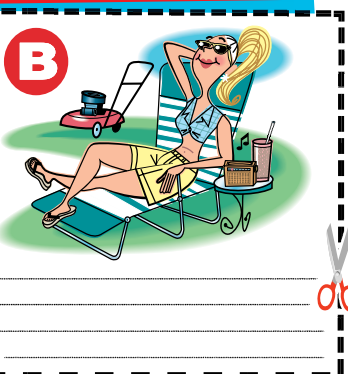
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Civic hall date for male choir

A POPULAR choir will get behind a campaign to develop a community-run theatre and hall at Stourport Civic Centre at its latest concert.

Kidderminster Male Choir will perform a mixture of classic, modern pop and musical numbers at the venue on August 4 at 7.30pm.

Wyre Forest District Council is due to move out of the centre later this year to headquarters on Finepoint Business Park off Stourport Road, Kidderminster. Tickets are £8. For details visit www.the-civicstourport.co.uk

Northern Soul gig at the town hall

AN evening of Northern Soul will be held at Kidderminster Town Hall on July 28.

There will be classic casinos, rare Motown as well as popular songs from the 50s and 60s.

A host of guest DJs will also be taking to the decks during the gig which runs from 8pm until 6am.

Tickets are available from the town hall box office on 01562 732158 as well as on the door.

Ado in the open

AN OPEN-AIR production of William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing will take place near Stourport next month. It will be staged at Bishop Wood Centre at Crossway Green on August 23 at 7pm.

Coronation Street reunion for Grand's panto stars

ONE of the most well-loved TV soap couples will be reunited on stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre this year as it was announced Ken Morley has joined the pantomime cast.

Ken, best known for playing Reg Holdsworth in Coronation Street, will be teaming up in Jack and the Beanstalk with Bonidorm and Loose Women star Sherrie Hewson, who played his on-screen wife Maureen in the soap.

Elbow room at the NIA

BRIT and Mercury Music Prize winning Bury rock band Elbow are going to be in concert at Birmingham NIA in November as part of their UK tour.

Tickets - priced £29.50 plus fees - go on sale tomorrow (Friday) from 9am via www.theticketfactory.co.uk or 0844 338 8000.

Olympic

The band, fronted by Guy Garvey, have composed the theme music for the BBC's Olympic coverage, entitled First Steps.

Elbow's debut UK arena tour in 2011 sold out and they've even launched their own beer. Dead in the Boot, their B-sides album, is due out next month.

The couple's comedy partnership on Corrie delighted audiences during the 1990s. Actor and comedian Ken will play The King.

Tamworth-based singer Niki Evans, who shot to fame on The X-Factor, returns for her third Grand Theatre panto as The Fairy. Highly-rated pantomime performer Nigel Ellacott joins the line-up as Jack's mother, Dame Trot.

Orville

Already announced for the star-studded show is Keith Harris, with his sidekicks Orville the duck and Cuddles the monkey.

The actor playing the lead role of Jack has yet to be announced.

Jack and the Beanstalk will open on December 8 and runs until January 20. It is already proving a hit with more than 14,500 tickets having been pre-booked.



Sherrie Hewson (centre) and Ken Morley (centre right) make it a Coronation Street reunion in Wolverhampton Grand's panto Jack and the Beanstalk. Also in the cast are, left, Niki Evans, Keith Harris and, right, top panto dame Nigel Ellacott. More than 14,500 tickets have been booked with more than four months to curtain up

Festival tickets go on release

TICKETS for the 25th Bewdley Festival go on general sale on Saturday from Bewdley Tourist Information Centre, Load Street, or by telephone from Worcester Live Box Office: 01905 611427.

Organisers say there has been a huge demand for tickets from Festival Society members during their two-week buying period. In the past, tickets for all events have been available on general sale but this year a few of the well-known stars are close to being sold out.

"We now have a large membership of the Festival Society who support us all year and are entitled to their early buying period," a festival spokesman said.

Music and jokes from sports club

A FEAST of comedy and music is coming to Wyre Forest in a one-night show on Friday. The event will feature top Midlands funny man Doug Parker and singer Maggie O'Hara.

They will perform in a cabaret night at Chester Road Sports and Social Club at Kidderminster Victoria cricket ground at 7.30pm. Tickets, £9 including a buffet, from the club.

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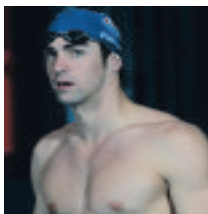
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SATURDAY'S TV 28.07.12

CHOICE



Michael Phelps

Olympics 2012 BBC1, 7pm

Gary Lineker presents all the key action live on the opening evening of the eagerly anticipated London Games. Much of tonight's focus will be on the swimming at the Aquatics Centre. Proceedings get under way with Michael Phelps looking to add to his record 14 Olympic golds when he competes in the 400m individual medley final. Away from the pool, men's bantamweight and middleweight boxing will take place at the ExCel London, with Luke Campbell and Anthony Ogogo genuine medal contenders for Great Britain in the respective divisions.

BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. A round-up of national and international news. **9.00** Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain introduces coverage of the opening rowing and swimming heats, along with news from the men's cycling road race and the women's 10m air rifle. **11.30** Olympics 2012. Including further coverage of the rowing and swimming heats. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Olympics 2012. Jake Humphrey presents coverage of the conclusion to the men's cycling road race, which culminates in a finish on the Mall. **4.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.00** Olympics 2012. Coverage of this afternoon's archery and tennis.

7.00 Olympics 2012. Gary Lineker presents coverage on the opening evening of the Games, featuring the first four swimming finals at the Aquatics Centre and the latest men's bantamweight and middleweight bouts at the ExCel London. The schedule features the 7.30 men's 400m individual medley final, 7.40 women's 100m butterfly semi-finals, 7.49 men's 400m freestyle final, 8.09 women's 400m individual medley final, 8.30 men's 100m breaststroke semi-finals and 8.50 women's 4x100m freestyle relay final.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.

10.30 Olympics Tonight. A look back at the day's action and the latest live events.

12.00 BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sportsday. Dan Walker presents a final round-up of the opening day's events at London 2012. **12.55** Weather. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: Run of the Arrow. (1957) **1.20** Film: El Cid. (1951) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.15** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.30 Flog It! Will Axon and Thomas Plant value items in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, including a Delftware bowl and a lighter, while presenter Paul Martin heads to a local museum. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. Comedy, starring John Laurie. (R)

8.00 BBC Proms 2012. Daniel Barenboim conducts the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No 9 in D minor (Choral) at the Royal Albert Hall. Presented by Katie Derham.

9.20 Barenboim on Beethoven: Nine Symphonies That Changed the World. Conductor Daniel Barenboim explains why he believes Beethoven's symphonies are among the most powerful pieces of music ever created, as he performs them in China and South Korea.

10.50 TOTP2. Mark Radcliffe introduces performances from the BBC archive, featuring artists including Altered Images, the Who and Belinda Carlisle, as well as a song by Rufus Wainwright. (R) National Lottery Update.

11.50 Film: Jersey Girl. (2004) New love gives hope to a man trying to raise his baby alone after his wife dies in childbirth and he loses his job. Kevin Smith's romantic comedy, with Ben Affleck and Liv Ullmann.

1.30 Film: Golden Door. (2006)

3.20 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.10** Dancing on Ice Goes Gold. (R) **3.10** Film: The Spy Who Loved Me. (1977) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. The nursery rhyme Sing a Song of Sixpence is connected to the murders of a business magnate, his wife and their maid. Julia McKenzie stars as Miss Marple. (R)

8.00 Midsomer Murders. A farmer is found dead at a sacred stone circle in Midsomer Mow and suspicion initially falls on local druids, but Barnaby is convinced greed rather than spiritualism is the motive. (R)

10.00 ITV News; Weather. **10.15** Mad Mad World. Joe Swash, Kimberly Wyatt and Charlie Baker are the guests joining team captains Rufus Hound and Rhys Darby and regular panellist Rob Rouse for the comedy quiz.

10.55 Film: Alexander. (2004) A Macedonian king undertakes an 11-year campaign to create the world's most powerful empire. Oliver Stone's historical epic, starring Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie and Val Kilmer.

1.50 The Store. Home shopping; ITV News Headlines. **2.55** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - David Clarke Pt III. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British Formula Ford Championship. (R) **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** 14: Ibiza Rocks: Labrinth. (R) **9.10** 14: Shooting Calvin Harris and Example. **9.45** 14: New Girl. (R) **10.15** 14: Revenge. **11.15** 14: Suburgatory. **11.45** 14: Summer Daze. **12.20** 14: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** 14: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** 14: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - Will Bayley Part III. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.20 Come Dine with Me. Rebecca Ryan hosts the final dinner party in York. (R)

6.50 Channel 4 News.

7.20 4thought. tv.

7.25 The Million Pound Drop. Joe Swash and Jessica-Jane Clement finish their game, then Debra Stephenson and Jon Culshaw, and Martin Kemp and his son Roman take their turn on the high-stakes quiz.

9.00 Film: The Women. (2008) Premiere. A group of rich women rallies round when a friend learns of her husband's affair. Comedy drama remake with an all-female cast, starring Meg Ryan and Annette Bening.

11.10 Film: Red Cliff. (2008) Premiere. John Woo's historical drama, with Tony Leung Chiu Wai and Takeshi Kaneshiro. In Mandarin.

1.50 The Million Pound Drop. (R) **3.05** Southland. **3.50** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. Gold Medal Deal. **5.30** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** Monkey Life. (R) **11.00** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.00** Film: Murder 101. (2006) Mystery, starring Dick Van Dyke. **2.45** Live Football. **5.15** Film: Jesse Stone: Night Passage. (2006)

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.05 NCIS. Abby babysits a bright nine-year-old while the rest of the team searches for the youngest's missing father - a survivor wanted in connection with a case of robbery and murder. (R)

7.55 NCIS. The investigators identify the man they believe to be the port-to-port killer, and rush to apprehend him before he can claim any more victims. Last in the series. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. The latest updates from the house. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.00 CSI: Miami. The team investigates when a male escort is found murdered in a private hotel cabin and discovers the victim had been providing his services to the establishment's guests.

11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A woman reports the disappearance of her son in a park and the investigation focuses on a suspicious man seen loitering in the vicinity - but all is not as it appears. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Housebusters. (R) **4.25** Great Scientists. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.00** Han's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
8.30 Olympics 2012 **2.00** Olympics 2012 **7.00** Olympics 2012 **11.00** Russell Howard's Good News **11.30** Live at the Electric

BBC Four
7.00 The Blue Planet. The effects of tides on marine life. **8.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **9.00** Wallander: Sidetracked - Part One **10.25** Natural World **11.15** Arena: Amy Winehouse - The Day She Came to Dingle

ITV2
2.40 America's Got Talent **5.25** Film: King Kong (2005) **9.00** Film: Quantum of Solace (2008) James Bond thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **11.10** Celebrity Juice

ITV3
5.50 Film: The Secret of My Success (1987) **8.00** Film: Doc Hollywood (1991) Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV4
3.45 British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.45** The Cycle Show **5.15** Film: The Great Outdoors (1988) **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10** Film: Escape from New York (1981)

E4
3.05 Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgatory **9.00** Film: Blade: Trinity (2004) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.10 Ponyo (2008) **5.15** A Walk in the Clouds (1995) Romantic drama, starring Keanu Reeves, Aitana Sanchez-Gijon and Anthony Quinn. **7.15** Jumper (2008) Fantasy thriller. **9.00** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **10.55** Team America: World Police (2004)

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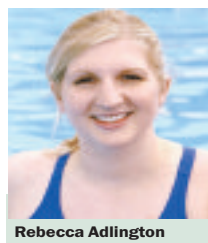
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What's On!**SUNDAY'S TV 29.07.12****CHOICE****Rebecca Adlington****Olympics 2012**

BBC1, 7pm
Gary Lineker resumes presenting duties for the second evening of the London Games. Rebecca Adlington was one of Great Britain's stars in Beijing four years ago, claiming gold medals in the 400m and 800m freestyle events, and she is set to defend her title in the shorter distance at the Aquatics Centre tonight. However, she will have to work hard to win gold once again in this event, with Federica Pellegrini of Italy among her likely opponents. Elsewhere, Great Britain continue their bid to reach the quarter-finals of the men's football.

BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. 9.00 Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain presents coverage of this morning's rowing heats and repechages, and the latest swimming heats on day two of the London Games. **11.30 Olympics 2012.** Hazel Irvine presents further coverage of the rowing and swimming heats, along with the latest on the women's cycling road race and the start of the sailing regatta. **1.00 BBC News: Weather.** **1.10 Olympics 2012.** Jake Humphrey presents coverage of the concluding stages of the women's cycling road race, which reaches a climax on the Mall. Olympics coverage continues on BBC2. **5.00 Formula 1:** Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. Action from the 11th round of the season. **6.30 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.**
7.00 Olympics 2012. Gary Lineker introduces this evening's four swimming finals, along with updates on the women's hockey and men's football, both featuring Team GB. The full schedule of finals features the 7.30 women's 100m butterfly, 8.08 men's 100m breaststroke, 8.15 women's 400m freestyle and 8.54 men's 4x100m freestyle relay, along with the semi-finals in the 7.37 men's 200m freestyle, 7.48 women's 100m breaststroke, 8.25 men's 100m backstroke and 8.44 women's 100m backstroke. **10.00 BBC News: Regional News.** **10.25 Olympics Tonight.** Gabby Logan looks back at the highlights of day two. **12.00 BBC News. 12.10 Olympic Sportsday. 12.55 Weatherview.** **1.00 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.05 CBBC. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) **12.30 Escape to the Country.** (R) **1.15 Film: The Man from Laramie.** (1955) Western, with James Stewart. **2.55 Great British Railway Journeys.** (R) **3.25 Oceans.** (R) **4.25 Songs of Praise.** **5.00 Olympics 2012.**
7.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to Brighton College, where objects up for valuation include a medal from the Battle of Trafalgar and a rare piece of Clarice Cliff pottery. (R)
8.00 Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down. Tom Wrigglesworth and Rob Bell witness North Sea passenger ferry the Pride of Bruges receiving a complete overhaul to extend its working life. Last in the series.
9.00 The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World. New series. Biologists and camera crews explore the wildernesses of South and Central America at night, beginning by encountering nocturnal predators in the jungles of Costa Rica.
10.00 MotoGP. The US Grand Prix (Start-time 10.00pm). Matt Roberts presents live coverage of the 10th round of the season at Laguna Seca in California.
11.00 Line of Duty. Gates goes on the run, while Arnot questions Fleming's integrity. Last in the series. (R)
12.00 Twenty Twelve. (R) **12.30 Formula 1:** Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. (R) **2.00 Sign Zone:** Holy City. (R) **3.00 Britain's Heritage Heroes.** (R) **3.30 Close.**

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.20 CITV. 8.25 Dinner Date. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 House Gilt. (R) **10.25 There's No Taste Like Home.** (R) **11.20 The Hungry Sailors.** (R) **12.20 ITV News: Weather. 12.30 Film: Baby Boom.** (1987) **2.35 Film: Columbo: The Murder of a Rock Star.** (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. Little Richard, Dabney Coleman, Shera Danese, Cheryl Farris and Julian Stone. **4.30 Doc Martin.** (R) **5.30 Doc Martin.** (R)
6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.45 ITV News: Weather.
7.00 Royal Greenwich. John Sergeant explores the history of the London borough.
8.00 The Zoo. Two-part follow-up to the series about London Zoo. One keeper prepares to deliver penguin chicks, while another tries to raise awareness of a plague affecting frogs.
9.00 A Touch of Frost. Inspector Jack Frost reopens an unsolved murder case when the remains of a 14-year-old girl who went missing 20 years previously are discovered on a housing development. (R)
11.00 ITV News: Weather.
11.20 Take Me Out. A hockey champion, a drummer, a graphic designer and a gym manager try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents. (R)
12.25 Premiership Rugby. **1.15 The Store; ITV News: Headlines. 3.05 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 3.55 Motorsport UK. 4.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40 Ironman 2012. 7.05 FIM Superbike World Championship 2012.** (R) **7.35 Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra.** New series. A preview of this summer's Games. **8.00 Will & Grace.** (R) **8.25 Will & Grace.** (R) **8.55 Fraiser.** (R) **9.25 Fraiser.** (R) **10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.35 Jamie Does Stockholm.** (R) **1.35 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **2.05 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **2.35 The Simpsons.** (R) **3.05 The Simpsons.** (R) **3.30 Three in a Bed.** (R) **4.35 Deal or No Deal: Gold Medal Deal.** (R) **5.35 Channel 4 News.**
6.05 4thought.tv.
6.10 Film: 17 Again. (2009) A man's wish to be a teenager again is granted, but his mature outlook on life puts him at odds with others when he returns to high-school. Comedy, with Matthew Perry and Zac Efron.
8.00 Come Dine with Me. Olympians Mark Foster, Tasha Danvers, Derek Redmond and Louise Hazel compete in the dinner-party challenge to win £1,000 for a charity of their choice.
9.00 Thelma's Gypsy Girls. Thelma Madine invites the trainees to her daughter's birthday party, while pressure mounts at the factory as Grace attends a family funeral and Bridget storms out.
10.00 Sex Story: Fifty Shades of Grey. The phenomenon of the best-selling erotic novel.
11.00 Film: Indecent Proposal. (1993) Drama, with Robert Redford and Demi Moore.
1.10 Camelot. (R) **2.00 The Big C. 2.30 Hollyoaks.** (R) **4.35 St Elsewhere.** (R) **5.25 Countdown.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15 Fifi and the Flowerbuds.** (R) **6.25 City of Friends.** (R) **6.35 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.** (R) **6.50 Castle Farm.** (R) **6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School.** (R) **7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25 Family!** (R) **7.35 Noddy in Toyland.** (R) **7.45 Mio Mao.** (R) **7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **8.00 Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.25 Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.45 Rupert Bear.** (R) **9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.15 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **9.25 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **9.40 Jelly Jamm.** (R) **10.00 Inside Hollywood.** **10.05 Monkey Life.** (R) **10.35 Ice Road Trucks: Deadliest Roads.** (R) **11.35 Big Brother.** (R) **12.35 Film: Doctor Who and the Daleks.** (1965) **2.15 Film: Zoom.** (2006) **4.00 Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach.** (1988) **5.50 Film: Ghostbusters II.** (1989) **7.55 5 News Weekend.**
8.00 Once Upon a Time. Emma searches for evidence that Mary Margaret was framed for Kathryn's murder, while a flashback to the land of fairy tales reveals why Regina harbours a grudge against Snow White.
9.00 Big Brother.
10.00 Film: Bulletproof. (1996) Action comedy, starring Adam Sandler.
11.35 Film: Undisputed. (2002) Boxing drama, starring Ving Rhames.
1.20 SuperCasino. 3.50 Sons of Anarchy. 4.50 Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00 Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.10 The Milkshake! Show.** (R) **5.35 Thomas & Friends.** (R) **5.45 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
9.00 Olympics 2012. 2.00 Olympics 2012. 7.00 Olympics 2012. 11.00 Family Guy. 11.45 American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Himalaya with Michael Palin
8.00 The Kenneth Williams Story: A Reputations Special. 9.30 Kenneth Williams: Fantabulosa! 10.50 Parkinson: The Interviews - Kenneth Williams
ITV2
3.00 Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **4.50 Film: Dante's Peak** (1997) **6.50 Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (2008) **9.00 Benidorm** **10.00 The Only Way Is Essex** **10.45 Film: The Jacket** (2005)
ITV3
3.50 Film: Doc Hollywood (1991) **5.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot** **9.00 Film: Vertigo** (1958) Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart.
11.40 Trial & Retribution
ITV4
3.20 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **5.00 Film: 633 Squadron** (1964) **8.00 Premiership Rugby** **9.00 Film: The Jerk** (1979) **11.00 Film: Midnight Run** (1988)
E4
3.10 Glee. 4.10 New Girl. 4.40 Suburgatory. 5.10 The Big Bang Theory. 6.10 Revenge. 7.10 Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) **9.00 50 Greatest Plastic Surgery Shockers. 11.10 2 Broke Girls. 11.40 New Girl**
Film4
2.45 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **5.00 Jungle 2 Jungle** (1997) Comedy, starring Tim Allen and Lolita Davidovich. **7.00 X-Men: The Last Stand** (2006) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman. **9.00 Taken** (2008) **10.50 Law Abiding Citizen** (2009)

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Film Choices

MONDAY

Anna and the King, Channel 4, 12.25pm

A widowed schoolmistress leaves Victorian England to tutor a son of the King of Siam, only to discover his majesty actually expects her to care for all 58 of his children. In spite of disagreements and many ups and downs, the teacher gradually forms a deep platonic love for her royal employer. Period drama, starring Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat. (1999)

Once Upon a Time in Mexico, Channel 5, 11pm

A crazed CIA agent based in Mexico learns of a conspiracy involving a drug baron and a military general to assassinate the president. He finds the perfect man to prevent the coup in the shape of a legendary gunslinger, who is seeking revenge on the general for murdering his wife. Thriller, starring Johnny Depp. (2003)

TUESDAY

The Fugitive, ITV1, 10.35pm

A doctor is wrongly accused of his wife's murder and forced to go on the run to prove his innocence – but his efforts to find the mysterious one-armed man he believes is the real killer are hampered by a tenacious US marshal. Thriller, starring Harrison Ford and an Oscar-winning Tommy Lee Jones. (1993)



The Fugitive, Tuesday, ITV1, 10.35pm

WEDNESDAY

Deep Blue Sea, ITV1, 10.35pm

A scientist researching Alzheimer's disease devises a way to enlarge the brains of killer sharks on an isolated research facility to help develop her theories. However, the experiments result in a marked increase in the creatures' intelligence, and before long they manage to escape their confinement – with bloody consequences. Thriller, starring Saffron Burrows. (1999)

THURSDAY

Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An artist receives a series of anonymous letters and e-mails telling her that her husband is having an affair. She sets out to expose the identity of the person behind the messages, but is distracted by nagging doubts that the dire warnings may be true. Mystery, starring Jamie Luner and Steven Cree Molison. (2009)

FRIDAY

The Bourne Identity, ITV1, 10.35pm

A fishing boat crew plucks a man out of the sea with two bullet wounds in his back and a safe-deposit number sewn into his skin – but absolutely no memory of who he is or how he got there. In the search for his true identity, he is pursued by assassins – but his attempts to escape them suggest his own past is far from straightforward. Thriller, starring Matt Damon. (2002)

Pick of the Week

Toby returns on the right side of the law

Toby Stephens is not best known for his comic skills, though there were some unintentionally funny sneers from him when he played the villain in 007 epic Die Another Day 10 years ago. However, he clearly had a great time when he was cast in comedy drama **Vexed** (Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm) in 2009.

If you missed that first run when it aired a year later, it centred on Jack Armstrong and Kate Bishop, detectives who were completely mismatched. The former was one of the worst private eyes of all time, while the latter tried to do a good job, but kept getting dragged down by Jack.

Now series one actress Lucy Punch has moved on to other projects, for the first of a six-part series, Jack is teamed with new partner Georgina Dixon (Miranda Raison). She's an ambitious officer who has been promoted to detective inspector and has no reservations about expressing her disdain for Jack's sloppy approach to crime-solving.

Naturally the duo have to put aside their differences when they investigate the strange death of an egocentric car salesman. Stephens loved making the first series, not least because it gave him a rare chance to do comedy on TV instead of the dramatic roles he was known for. "It was kind of like having a vacation for me," he remarked at the time. It helped that his character was such a bumbling detective instead of a shrewd villain bent on world domination. "I just had to turn up every day and have fun," he smiles.

As any theatre lover will tell you, Toby is the son of acclaimed actors Robert Stephens and Maggie Smith. So, partly because of genetics and partly through seeing a lot of theatre when he was young, it was inevitable he would start treading the boards. He made his film debut 20 years ago in Tilda Swinton movie Orlando, and impressed many with TV hit The Camomile Lawn. Roles in a film version of Twelfth Night and Space Cowboys (in which he played a younger version of director/star Clint Eastwood) kept the wolf from

the door, but it was his turn as egomaniacal Gustav Graves in Die Another Day that could have changed his life forever.

It didn't hurt that Pierce Brosnan's final 007 epic made millions at the box office and put Stephens on the map of many Hollywood casting agents who may have been indifferent to his earlier work. However, given the choice between spending days and maybe months in LA waiting for the phone to ring, and then playing generic villains in assorted epics, or working on lower paid theatre/TV work, he chose the latter. "Once you've done a villain, that's all you end up doing," he remarked. You can see his point.

Charming, good looking and most of all British, he ticks all the boxes for any uninspired Tinseltown director looking for the next antagonist for their blockbuster. Jack Armstrong may spend a lot of time vexed about his work, but his real life alter ego could hold a masterclass in flicking ribs, as this first episode proves.



Toby Stephens heads the cast of Vexed, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

We Love the Monkees

ITV1, 9pm

Hey, hey, they were the Monkees – the manufactured boy band who turned out to have minds of their own, and whose hits have outlasted their TV show by more than 40 years. If the tributes to Davy Jones, who died in February, weren't enough to convince you that the group were more than just 'the Prefab Four', then perhaps this documentary will finally make you a believer. It tells the story of how Jones, Mickey Dolenz, Peter Tork and Mike Nesmith were brought together by US TV producers who wanted to create their own version of the Beatles to star in a sitcom.

Olympics Tonight

BBC1, 10.40pm

Gabby Logan is joined by guests to present a look back at the highlights on day three in London, as well as live coverage of the late-night events, which are beach volleyball, basketball and volleyball. The Aquatics Centre took centre stage once again, with Tom Daley and Peter Waterfield aiming for diving gold in the 10m platform final. Waterfield was looking to go one better than the silver he won in this event eight years ago in Athens alongside Leon Taylor, and 19-year-old Daley was aiming to win his first Olympic medal.

TUESDAY

Olympics 2012

BBC1, 7pm

Gary Lineker presides over the fourth evening's events in London, with the main focus of attention being on the Aquatics Centre, where four finals and

three semi-finals take place. Britain's big medal hope in the pool tonight is Hannah Miley, providing she managed to qualify for the 200m individual medley final, having failed to do so four years ago. Elsewhere, updates and reaction come from Wembley Stadium, where the Great Britain women's football team played their final Group E match against a Brazil side likely to be spearheaded by one of the finest female players of all time in Marta.

Love Your Garden

ITV1, 8pm

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice in South Yorkshire is devoted to the support of children with shortened life expectancy. One key thing missing from the Hospice was a place where families left behind could reflect on the life which had passed on. Alan Titchmarsh was keen to put that right, and plans to create a garden of peace and tranquillity. Alas, it's not long before the weather has thrown a spanner in the works. Also this week, David Donnelly investigates natural seating, and Frances Tohill checks out the stunning new wave perennial planting at Wisley.

WEDNESDAY

24 Hours in A&E

Channel 4, 9pm

This week's show features three-month-old Ziaiah, the youngest patient ever featured on the series. He has been rushed in with breathing difficulties. Severely underweight and with an enlarged liver, consultant

Jacqui needs to work fast to give him a chance of survival. We also meet Kerry, the mother of 18-month-old Charlie. She is awaiting urine test results which may explain why he's been feeling unwell for five days.

THURSDAY

Olympics 2012

BBC1, 4pm

Sue Barker and Jake Humphrey present as the track cycling competition begins at the London Velodrome, with Team GB hopeful of producing more fine displays after some outstanding cycling performances in recent years.

Providing they negotiate their way through the earlier heats, Victoria Pendleton and Jess Varnish will be going for gold in the women's team sprint event. Pendleton has already tasted Olympic glory when she won the individual sprint discipline four years ago in Beijing and Varnish has proved herself to be a more than capable partner. Also taking place in this session are the early stages of the men's team sprint and team pursuit, with triple gold medalist in Beijing, Chris Hoy, among those set to be in action.

The Briefs

ITV1, 9pm

What a load of pants! Well, not really. In fact, despite its suggestive title, this new series has absolutely nothing to do with underwear. Instead, it's a two-part documentary that goes behind the scenes at Manchester law firm Tuckers. It's been in operation since 1980, and specialises in criminal defence work. The company prides itself on its ability to take on a wide range of cases and clients – and this first episode certainly reflects that. Among the people walking through the doors is a 63-year-old woman who's been accused of dealing drugs, and a man about to stand trial for attempting to blackmail Coleen Rooney, wife of England and Manchester United footballer Wayne. Nicholas Jones narrates this extraordinary and eye-opening programme.

FRIDAY

Soham: A Parents' Tale

ITV1, 9pm

It's now 10 years since the murders of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, but many people still can't hear the name of girls' home town of Soham without recalling the poignant photo of the 10-year-old friends in matching football shirts. Their deaths and the subsequent trial and conviction of Ian Huntley caused a national outrage, but this sensitive documentary focuses on the experiences of Holly Wells' family, asking how they survived what must surely be every parent's worst nightmare. Her father Kevin and mother Holly discuss the terrible days spent waiting for news of their daughter, and how they have rebuilt their family.

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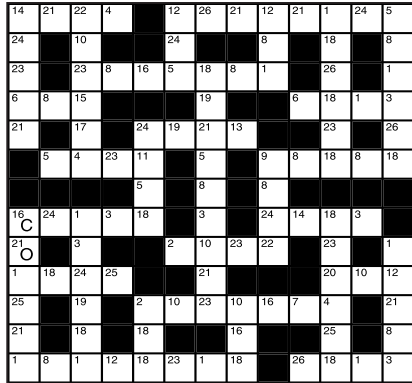
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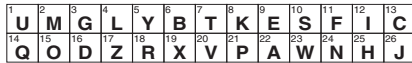
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Cryptic Clues:

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6. Not going away to do some checking (7)
7. Staking a greater amount, we hear - he's feeble-minded (5)
9. Perform with cat, somehow (3)
10. No serious form of enjoyment (9)
12. It may be kept on hand for the fight (6-5)
15. Throw into confusion, as a rising does (11)
17. When making his incisions, he'll leave no stone unturned! (3-6)
19. One politician can be a little devil (3)
21. Moves lightly but stumbles (5)
22. See 2 Down

Down

1. A whip to keep in store (5)
- 2 & 22 Ac. Look at the man in the box - he saw it all (3-7)
3. American news would be incomplete without her (4)
4. Fashion a catalogue for one who keeps strictly to the rules (9)
5. What winkers do? (7)
8. Start nothing before one is in a different ring (6)
11. This prediction could be hopelessly wrong - or so epoch-making! (9)
13. Metal bars go in a variety of tins (6)
14. Weapon required to discharge a member (7)
16. Be quiet about mother's road accident (5)
- 18 & 20 Dn. I.e. novel translation of "Mephistopheles" (4,3)

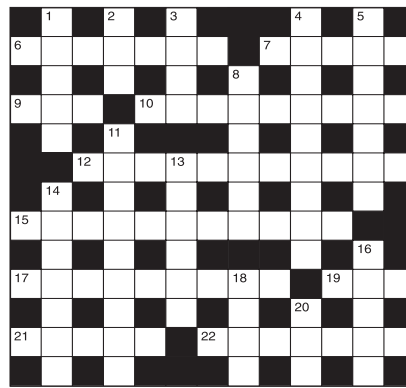
Quick Clues:

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6. Try (7)
7. Sham (5)
9. Clamour (3)
10. Excultate (9)
12. December 31st (3,5,3)
15. Absolutely sure (4,7)
17. Make clear (9)
19. Fish-eggs (3)
21. Join together (5)
22. Tumbler (7)

Down

1. Peel (5)
2. Allow (3)
3. Highest point (4)
4. Wooing (9)
5. Stealthy (7)
8. Unharned (6)
11. Lying (9)
13. Gives up (6)
14. Effective (7)
16. Sum (5)
18. Diplomacy (4)
20. Quarrel (3)



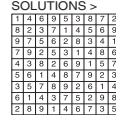
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CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Crossword clue; 8 Entrance; 9 Raft; 10 Farrow; 12 Indoor; 14 Denial; 16 League; 18 Taxi; 20 Deflated; 22 Pulling a punch. Down: 1 Frontage; 2 Usurer; 3 Swan; 4 Free will; 5 Scored; 6 Buff; 11 Well done; 13 Opulence; 15 Ickle; 17 Abacus; 19 Abut; 21 Fear. QUICK - Across: 7 Reprehensible; 9 Accustom; 9 Gang; 10 Wander; 12 Corner; 14 Stream; 16 Lodge; 18 Epic; 20 Motivate; 22 Comprehension. Down: 1 Merchant; 2 Ground; 3 Shut; 4 Inimical; 5 Linger; 6 Plan; 11 Remember; 13 Election; 15 Escape; 17 Divest; 19 Poor; 21 Tier.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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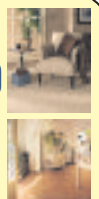
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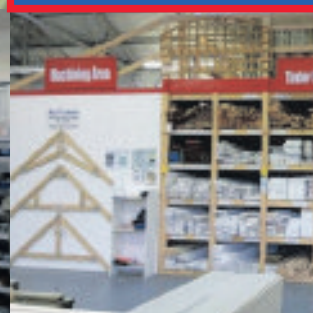
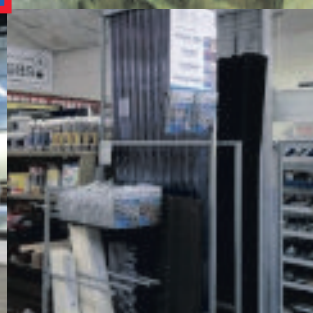
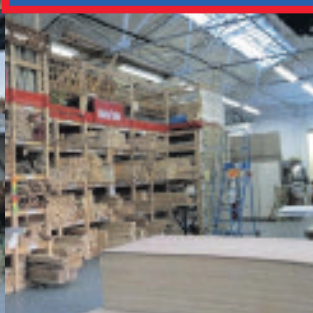
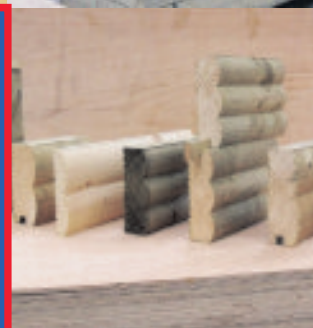
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Cricket at last as Pershore keep top spot

BACK to cricket and despite some wet outfielders we are back in business after the past fortnight's enforced idleness, *writes Chris Marsh.*

Division One firsts leaders Pershore were eager to start a match on time as they travelled to Bromyard and were pleased to encounter little opposition as they won by six wickets to stay 10 points clear of Nomads who accounted for Astwood Bank to head the latter by a further 18.

However, Pedmore are the division's dangerous dark horses, especially at home, and despite

Worcestershire County League

some earlier inconsistencies announced their intentions to break up a three-horse race by winning a thriller at home to Colwall off the penultimate ball.

For Colwall, Dan Head scored 101 not out while Dave Skelding replied with 107 for Pedmore as his side won by two wickets. Pedmore have narrowly overtaken Astwood.

Elsewhere, Droitwich are fifth, some 42 points behind Pershore after a thrilling tied match at home to Hagley where both innings went to the final over. Worcester won

again at home to Coombs Wood and Redditch have dropped near to the danger zone by losing at Oldswinford.

Division Two firsts has new leaders after Dominies surrendered the lead by losing at home to Belbroughton, for who Aussie Chris Amundsen took 6-35. This allowed Burghill, conquerors of

Enville thanks to Byron Newton's nine-wicket haul, and Bewdley, who saw off Romsley to take over the top two spots and Belbroughton have climbed to fourth,

just behind Dominies. Stourport lost again, this time at bottom-placed Wormelose so they have not won a game since June 2 when they stood 17 points clear of Burghill, who they now trail by 37, and have gathered just 26 points from those seven rounds of matches (four abandoned). They are now fifth, ahead of Rushwick who beat Alvechurch and Nether-ton who beat Feckenham.

Division Three firsts still sees Cookley out in front, despite being held to a draw by bottom side Chaddesley. Birlingham's win over Kidderminster and Harving-

ton's at Alveley has taken those teams to second and third as they both swept past Tenbury who lost at home to Harborne and now slip to fourth.

Elsewhere, Malvern recorded their first win to climb off the bottom and Dan Brace made 161 not out for Himbleton in a high scoring draw at Himley.

Division Four firsts leaders Lye were held to a draw at Martley and had to watch as Avoncroft inched past them by five points after Dave James' unbeaten 126 took them to victory at home to winless Hanley Castle.

Big noise may help Naomi be a big shot

KIDDERMINSTER archer Naomi Folkard has a screaming good chance of a medal at London 2012.

Team GB's archers do not expect crowd noise to be a problem when they compete at Lord's tomorrow - thanks to the efforts of a thousand school children.

The British women's team were unhappy at the conduct of home fans in the Commonwealth Games final in Delhi two years ago, criticising the chanting and cheering that took place while they shot.

And with 5,000 fans in specially erected stands at the home of cricket, there are sure to be plenty of potential distractions again.

The noise this time will be in support of the host nation - who have been steered for the experience by some inventive tactics at the final selection shoot.

Primary school pupils were bussed in to Lilleshall to provide a challenging environment.

Folkard, who already has two Olympic appearances under her belt, said: "Some of the training we've done with noise has been beyond bearable but we were still able to shoot well."

Swimmer needs to splash out

BIG-HEARTED residents in Stourport can help a local swimmer on his way to world championship success.

Steven Boyce makes his sixth appearance in the Downs Syndrome world swimming championships this November.

But the competition is in Loano, Italy - and the 27-year-old needs to find £1,600 to cover the cost.

Boyce's parents John and Margaret are holding a fund-raiser at The Tontine, where they live, from 11am on Saturday.

It will feature cake stalls, bric-a-brac, a raffle, refreshments and other attractions.

Boyce has won hundreds of medals but, ironically, only stepped up his swimming after injury curtailed his interest in gymnastics.

"He ruptured a cruciate ligament," said Margaret Boyce. "He took up swimming more seriously and it's gone from there."

Wet conditions fail to dampen Victoria hopes

Berkswell (1pt) 119, Kidderminster Victoria (20pts) 123-4. KVCC won by six wickets
KIDDERMINSTER VICTORIA moved up to sixth in the Birmingham League Premier with a fine win in damp conditions.

The match was reduced to 50 overs per side. KVCC won the toss and elected to field. The quality of the wicket suggested batting would not be easy, *writes Brian Gittins.*

Connor Smith was the first to strike, bowling Jack Cornick for one. Then, brilliant fielding by Ryan Derrick saw Chris Cheslin run out for a duck as Berkswell lost their first two wickets for eight runs.

The score increased to 38 by the 19th over, but two more wickets then fell.

A good catch by Zac Turley off the bowling of Neil Pinner saw the end of opener James Neale, for seven. Then another fine run out saw Phil Neale out for a duck.

Stumped

The score had reached 47 when the fifth wicket fell. Tom Milnes bowled by Mark Mansell for 24.

Dominic Ostler brought some stability to the proceedings, helping the score up to 86, but having hit 30, he was stumped by Ben Cox off Smith.

From 86-6, it soon reached 90-7. Mohammed Akhlaq had scored 17 when he was caught Richard Kimberlin bowled Jonathan Wright. The last three overs brought just 29 runs, wickets falling at 118, 118 and 119.

Ed Rainsford was caught

Kidderminster Victoria CC

by Marc Edwards off Richard Kimberlin for 15. Kimberlin struck again, trapping Babar Khan lbw first ball for a duck.

Mark Mansell wrapped up proceedings when Cox stumped David Brignull for one.

Kidderminster's reply got off to a bad start as skipper Wright was bowled second ball by Rainsford for a duck.

At 30 Rainsford struck again, bowling Neil Pinner for 21.

Kimberlin and wicket-keeper Ben Cox took the score to 59 by the 15th over before the former was stumped by Phil Neale for 23.

Zac Turley joined Cox, and the pair had put on 44 when Cox was out leg before to Khan for 35. Victory was achieved with nearly 18 overs to spare with Marc Edwards not out one and Zac Turley unbeaten on 28.

On Saturday at noon, KVCC entertain Wolverhampton. On Sunday at 1pm they play Bamford Fieldhouse in the Kingfisher Beer Cup quarter-final.

Harriers are looking to hit form for the big one



Harriers players Lee Vaughan, Ricky Shakes and Marvin Johnson with the club's community officer Nick Griffiths

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers' footballers are getting themselves fighting fit for the start of the new season after a training day at Wolverhampton Amateur Boxing Club.

Harriers players were at the gym on Willenhall Road to put through their paces in an alternative form of preparation as they look to smash through their rivals.

Lincoln City will be in the other

corner for 90 minutes of action at Sincil Bank in the big kick-off for the new Blue Square Premier campaign on Saturday, August 11.

The Harriers side are sure to pack a punch now that the likes of Lee Vaughan, Ricky Shakes and Marvin Johnson have shaken off the ring rust at the fight club.

Harriers' community officer Nick Griffiths took them into the boxing

arena and manager Steve Burr is expecting to witness the fitness.

Burr said: "In terms of training, it is certainly something a bit different."

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Winnery Ryan Hazelwood



Second place for Niamh Griffiths

Top spot for Ryan as team does well

THE Young Gloves karate squad took five top-three places in the national kata championships at Wolverhampton.

There was a first place for Ryan Hazelwood and a second for Niamh Griffiths.

Three other squad members - Jake Allen-Brunn, Jordan Darnley Fleurs and Nigel Gowland - got on the rostrum with third-place finishes.

All squad members of the club, which hosts classes in the Kidderminster and Stourport areas, performed well at a high level of competition.

The other Young Gloves members to compete were Ronan Gough, Samantha Thomas, Yasmin White, Matthew Jarret and Lynval Walker.

Sensei Justin Thomas (chief instructor) was delighted with the efforts of his team.

"I was so proud of all the Young Gloves squad," he said. "They were all a real credit to the club and proved once again that Young Gloves karate are amongst the top martial arts clubs in the UK."

For details of the club, visit the website www.younggloves.co.uk

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It's more misery as Stourport lose again

Wormelow (24pts) 207-6, Stourport (2pts) 86. Wormelow won by 121 runs

STOURPORT firsts' recent poor form continued as they were beaten by bottom of the league Wormelow.

Wormelow amassed a challenging 207-6 from their 50 overs in Worcestershire County League Division Two, Steven Yarsley picking up two wickets.

In reply, Stourport lost wickets at regular intervals and were never in the hunt for the victory.

They had four batsmen dismissed without scoring. Andrew Siwicki's 30 was the pick of a poor performance, as Stourport were eventually bowled out for a paltry 86.

Stourport (24pts) 262-7, Wormelow (3pts) 149. Stourport won by 113 runs

The seconds has a comfortable 113-run victory. Batting first on an excellent track, the home team got off to a solid start from openers Alan Lockwood (89) and Neil Bailey (42).

After Bailey's dismissal David Pittaway scored a valuable 62 to guide Stourport to an impressive 262-7 from 50 overs.

In Wormelow's reply, Gavin Bryan demolished the top order with 3-48 before Andrew Cavendish (4-35) knocked over the tail as all the visiting batsmen looked to play big shots. Stourport eventually ran out winners in the 32nd over.

They travel to second-placed Enville this weekend hoping to close the gap on the top teams.

Kempsey (0pts) 110, Stourport (20pts) 111-3. Stourport won by seven wickets

Stourport thirds continued to set the pace in Division Seven as they thrashed Kempsey, who had no reply to the accuracy of Matt Roberts (4-27) and Will Downes (3-16) as they were dismissed for just 110 in the 43rd over. Ian Osborne's 40 helped guide Stourport home for the loss of three wickets in the 22nd over.

Kidderminster Golf Club results

Charles Harvey Flag Competition: 1 Dave Wiggins 71-55-66 (countback), 2 Bill Styles 81-15-66, 3 Steve Kidd 79-9-69.

Open competition AM AM: 1 Shawn Brown, Rob Poole, Matt Rock, P Burkes, 202 nett, 2 Scott Mason, P Dunn, Craig Richardson S O'Connor 203 nett.

Ladies Rose Bowl Trophy: 1 Anna Rock 33pts, 2 Karen Greenfield 32pts, 3 Karen Greenfield 32. **Division 2:** 1 Sharon Cartwright 25pts, 2 Sonia Mitchell 18.

EWGA Trust Stableford Competition, Division 1: 1 Anna Rock 33pts, 2 Karen Greenfield 32. **Division 2:** 1 Sharon Cartwright 25pts, 2 Margaret Alsop 23.



Darcie Hancock, front, with her fellow Samurai judo club medalists Laura Dangerfield, left, and Annabel Webb

Triple success at Open contest

Samurai judo club

DARCIE HANCOCKS was unstoppable at the West of England Open, taking gold.

Seniors Annabel Webb and Laura Dangerfield added a further gold and silver to make it three medals from three players for Kidderminster's Samurai Judo Club.

In the girls under-32 kilos Hancock, who won this event two years ago, faced a strong field and started with an excellent demolition of a Bristol girl by maximum points.

Next up was a Tonbridge girl who was thrown for a high score before Hancock controlled the contest and a London player was then turned over and held with good groundwork to put Hancock into the final against

an old rival from Aylesbury. The Samurai player won in 12 seconds to add to her gold last weekend at the Samurai Open.

Dangerfield, only a week after her black belt had been confirmed, had two maximum-point wins against other black belts to take her into the final of the under-78 kilos women's category. She threw her opponent but it was adjudged to be out of the contest area and she was then caught by a return throw and had to settle for silver.

Annabel Webb, also only a week after her black belt had been confirmed, made the

final of the over-78 kilos category and then controlled the final to take the gold, gaining revenge on a player who had beaten her in the Kent International last month.

Eight Samurai officials - Sarah Newbury, Ben Newbury, Stefan Newbury, Malcolm Limrick, Sarah Biles, Archi Shrimpton and Cath Walker - have been selected to officiate at the Olympic Games, while two former members are competing. Kelly Edwards goes in the under-48 kilos competes in the under-73 kilos category on Monday.

For details about starting judo or information about the Samurai club, call 0776 1122977 or visit www.samurai.org.uk

A winning return as Bewdley go second

Hunnington (0pts) 128, Bewdley (20pts) 130-1.

Bewdley won by nine wickets BEWDLEY returned to action with a routine win at home to struggling Romsley.

The victory took them up to second in Worcestershire County League Division Two, writes David Mills.

Asked to bat, the visitors started solidly enough, but Martyn Carr took a couple of wickets and reduced them to 69-2.

The introduction of spin twins David Jones (3-36) and Jack Mills (3-39) hastened the decline and despite a flurry from Steve Randall (24) they were bowled out in the 48th over.

Carr returned to mop up the tail and posted figures of 4-23. Chasing a modest 129 to win, Paul Beard (58 not out) and Matt Cowdery (42) put on 100 for the first wicket, and Simon Mauer (14 not out) joined Beard to see Bewdley home.

Coombs Wood (4pts) 176, Bewdley (20pts) 178-5.

Bewdley won by five wickets Bewdley seconds made it back-to-back wins with what ultimately turned out to be a comfortable five-wicket victory over Coombs Wood.

Victory looked a long way away as Mohsin Khan (97) pummeled the Bewdley attack, but the introduction of Cyril Ramsay (4-13) and Phil Singleton (3-22) turned the game on its head, Ramsay grabbing the crucial wicket of Khan at 155-4.

The lower order put up no resistance and Bewdley were content to dismiss the home side for 176.

Matt Thwaites (52) and Luke Groves got the reply off to a positive start and although a couple of wickets threatened to halt Bewdley's momentum, Connor Franklin (50no) anchored the innings and Bewdley reached their target.

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KIDDERMINSTER Harriers' returning midfielder Keith Briggs could be handed back the captaincy after choosing a return to Aggborough over a number of clubs.

Briggs has joined Harriers for a second spell after signing a one-year contract, a season after leaving the club to sign a two-year deal with Fleetwood.

The former Norwich and Stockport man cited the need to find a club nearer to his home in Glossop at the time.

The 30-year-old left the Cod Army after they were promoted to the Football League, as he was released midway into his contract.

His return to Harriers could see him reclaim the captain's armband taken by Mike Williams when he left the club.

A second-half run out in last Saturday's 3-0 win at Stafford Rangers preceded a start in Monday night's 5-1 win at Stratford, as pre-season stepped up a gear.

Harriers manager Steve Burr has yet to make a decision on his skipper for the new campaign but Briggs is sure to be in with a shout.

Burr said: "We have beaten off a fair few Conference clubs to bring Keith back here and he will give us some real experience in the middle of the park."

"He's been here before, knows the place well and didn't really want to leave, so he's pleased to be back. It's a good signing for us."

Anthony Malbon was tormentor-in-chief for Harriers over the last two friendlies, starting with two goals against Rangers.

Harriers had gone ahead after just seven minutes through a close-range finish by Marvin Johnson.

Malbon notched his first

by Craig Birch

on 23 minutes, collecting a through ball and finding the far corner of the net.

On 37 minutes, Malbon collected his second goal with a good, low finish.

Steve Guinan completed the scoring after 67 minutes, profiting from a loose back-pass to hit Harriers' fourth.

Harriers then put another three past Midland Alliance side Stratford by the break on Monday night.

They broke the deadlock through Lee Vaughan's seventh minute penalty, after a defender handled Danny Pilkington's shot.

Pilkington hurt the hosts again with a cool lob to make it 2-0 two minutes later.

The home side pulled a goal back on 32 minutes, Luke Williams from the spot after Briggs handled.

But, in first-half stoppage time, Harriers restored their two-goal cushion, former Stratford striker Robert Thompson-Brown scoring straight from a corner.

Five minutes into the second half, the visitors got their fourth, Ricky Shakes heading in fellow substitute Malbon's flick on.

A powerful effort from Malbon made it 5-1 in the 62nd minute.

Harriers take the wraps off their new strips

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers today started the countdown to their Blue Square Premier campaign by taking the wraps off their new home and away kits for the year ahead.

Harriers players Mickey Demetriou and Ryan Rowe modelled the new strips, which were emblazoned with returning sponsor 'Hire It!' for the first time since 2007.

The Kidderminster-based tool hire company, whose owner John Davies is a life-long Harriers fan, were previously the club's shirt sponsors from 2004 to 2007.

'Hire It!' last featured on the strip in the FA Trophy final at Wembley and replace OGL Computers, themselves two-time shirt sponsors, who have just completed a similar deal.

C & S Solicitors, based on Station Hill in Kidderminster, will also feature on the rear of the team's brand new shirts as well as on the shorts.

C & S' Nicola and Ian Cummings and their team are no strangers to the club, as they are regular match-day and player sponsors.

They will also become the sponsors of the club's main stand at Aggborough, which will be known as the C&S Solicitors Stand.

The new package is worth a five-figure sum to the club over the course of an initial two-year period.

Harriers chairman Mark Serrell said: "We are delighted to strike up what is already proving to be a great partnership with another great local firm."

"The club is always doing what it can to help at the very heart of the local community."

"We are extremely proud that, through Hire-It and now C&S Solicitors, we will be spreading the same of two reputable local names around the rest of the country."



Harriers players Mickey Demetriou and Ryan Rowe display the new strips

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